

## Local and Personal.

### The Fair of the Mechanics' Metropolitan

The fair continues to attract crowds of spectators, at night; affording an agreeable promenade, if not an opportunity closely to inspect the various beautiful objects on exhibition.

We were astonished to see the very large number of "tides," which are strung up like so many bunches of fish. It is a good arrangement, for we never could conceive anything extraordinary in their manufacture or beauty in their appearance.

There are on exhibition several coffin-patterns, articles in which the visitors generally do not seem to take particular interest, but turn away, in many instances, repelled. Although it may be a profitable, it is not a pleasant reflection that, however gay and joyous we may be at the present, our tendency is ever toward the tomb. Speaking on this grave subject, we may mention, in connection, that a pretty marble monument meets the eye directly on entering the grand hall at the south door.

Those bonnets in the north corner are very pretty, and so are the embroidered ladies' skirts. Large mirrors in that vicinity invite many a sly peep, either for the adjustment of male or female habiliments.

Galt & Brother have a richly filled case of jewelry and silver ware, the latter including the service presented by our citizens to the late ex-Mayor Maury, as an evidence of their high regard for his private and public worth.

Mr. George Calvert, of Fauquier county, Virginia, exhibits, as at the former fair of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, a collection of his patent beehives, and choice specimens of honey, which he solicits his friends to taste. The invitation is never declined.

The fair is plentifully supplied with that republican article, soap; the free use of which has a refining tendency, for it has been pertinently said that "cleanness is next to godliness."

A Desperate Character.—A young yellow fellow, named George Raglin, created much alarm on Pennsylvania avenue, on Wednesday night, by flourishing a hand-saw to the right and left, making every one on the pavement get out of his way! Occasionally he would deal a blow with the instrument on some passer-by whom he did not fancy. No one had the nerve to arrest him in his progress. He was extraordinarily bold under the influence of alcoholic drink; did not care for anybody, and seemed to claim the freedom to assault with impunity. Officer A. R. Allen, an efficient public officer, as at the Smithsonian Institution when he heard of the exploits of this discharged penitentiary bird. He hastened to the scene of the exploits, and endeavored at once to capture the offender, who made a desperate resistance. The parties came to close quarters, both fell to the pavement, and struggled together, the officer uppermost. He sent to the watch-house for help, and obtained it, two of the Auxiliary Guard coming to the rescue. They "came, and saw, and conquered."

Raglin was conveyed to the lock-up, and yesterday morning was committed to jail to await trial for resisting the officer.

Though he is not a relative of the British General, Lord Raglin, he, to say the least, showed some of the bellicose propensities of that distinguished soldier and namesake.

The Rehearsals.—The District Tent of the temperance organization, (the jurisdiction of which extends over the District of Columbia, and portions of Maryland and Virginia) at its quarterly session, on Wednesday night, elected the following officers for the term of one year:

C. R. Evans, P. D. C. R.; Dr. J. Hall Moore, D. C. R.; Dr. A. M. McKim, D. D. R.; George C. Hennin, D. R. S.; Joseph D. Free, D. S.; George F. Kidwell, D. S.; John L. Flanders, D. L.; Reeve Lewis, D. G.; Samuel S. Briggs, D. Chaplain. William R. McLean was elected representative to the High Tent.

Acknowledgments.—In addition to those already made, the Washington Highlanders, we are requested to state, have to thank his Excellency the British Minister, for the donation of ten dollars towards the relief of the poor, enclosed in a graceful note. They have also to thank their gallant colonel, W. Hickey, esq., for a donation of a like amount.

Testimonial of Respect.—At a recent meeting of the board of managers of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, resolutions were unanimously passed expressive of the loss which they have sustained by the death of John W. Maury, one of the vice presidents of the organization, and bearing testimony to the noble qualities which were possessed by their late associate.

De Soto.—Powell's picture of De Soto discovering the Mississippi, will probably be displayed to the public to-day, as workmen, yesterday afternoon, were preparing the only vacant space in the rotunda of the Capitol for its reception.

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Full Proof of the Ministry, a Sequel to the Boy who was trained up to be a Clergyman, by John N. Norton, A. M.  
Memoirs of Lie, Exile, and Conversations of the Emperor Napoleon, by the Count de las Cases, with portraits and other illustrations.  
Mansel of Sacred History, by John Henry Kurtz, D. D.

Just published and for sale at  
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HARD TIMES, a New Novel, by Chas. Dickens.  
The Metallic Wealth of the United States, described and compared with that of other countries, by J. D. Watson.

Members of Joseph John Gurney, with selections from his Journal and Correspondence. Edited by Joseph Bevan Bristow, in 2 vols.  
Memoirs of the Water, or Stray Thoughts of a Long Struggle, by Henry Maury.

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LAW PARTNERSHIP.—Supreme Court of the United States.—ROBERT J. WALKER and LOUIS JANIN have formed a partnership under the name of "WALKER & JANIN," for the purpose of conducting the business of the Supreme Court of the United States, at Washington city, where both will attend throughout the future sessions of that court. They may be addressed at Washington, New York, or New Orleans.  
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## Congressional.

### THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

#### SENATE—Thursday, February 16, 1855.

Mr. HOUSTON made a personal explanation, which he deemed necessary in consequence of some expressions which he had previously written by Thomas Jefferson Green, which was laid upon the table of senators this morning. The subject is not new to the Senate and to the country, and it will be recalled that the quarrel had its origin in Texas, when the State was an independent republic.

The bill to augment the salaries of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, which was introduced by the bill to increase the compensation of members of Congress, was taken up and passed.

A bill was reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, recognizing the diplomatic service of Commodore Perry, and proposing to give him \$25,000.

After the transaction of other business, the Senate, at one o'clock, resumed the consideration of the special order—the bill making appropriations for the Indian Department; and, after disposing of several amendments, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made by the Committee of the Whole were subjected to discussion. Having been disposed of, the bill was passed.

The Pacific Railroad bill was next taken up, and a substitute proposed for the same adopted. The bill was ordered to be printed, as amended, and the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.  
The SPEAKER announced the regular order of business to be the bill granting lands equally to the several States for railroad and educational purposes.

Mr. AMILTON was entitled to the floor. Mr. HAVEN appealed to the gentleman to yield to him, for a motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, saying that there now remained but four days, but fifty-six hours, in which to act on the business before the House, including the appropriation bills, which were in great danger.

Mr. HAMILTON, with a view of affording an opportunity for acting on the pressing business before the House, moved that the bill be committed to the Committee on the whole on the state of the Union, for a motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, saying that there now remained but four days, but fifty-six hours, in which to act on the business before the House, including the appropriation bills, which were in great danger.

The CHAIRMAN announced the business before the committee to be the bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of Government for the year ending June 30th, 1856, and for other purposes.

Mr. FAULKNER made an ineffectual effort to have this bill set aside for the purpose of proceeding with the consideration of the army appropriation bill, but was unsuccessful.

On motion of Mr. OLDS, the civil and diplomatic bill was set aside, and that making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1856, was taken up.

Mr. OLDS offered an amendment to the effect that \$500,000 be appropriated for the transportation of the mails from New York to Liverpool, and repelling the proviso in the first section of the act to supply deficiencies in the appropriation for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1852, directing the Secretary of the Navy to give notice for the termination of the arrangement for additional allowance for the transportation of the United States mail between New York and Liverpool, in the Collins line of steamers, and therein provided, on condition that an additional steamer be completed within two years.

Messrs. OLDS and W. H. CHURCH advocated the amendment, and Messrs. SMITH, of Virginia, and LETCHER opposed it.

Without coming to a conclusion on the subject, the House adjourned.

Health Report.  
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH,  
Washington, Feb. 12, 1855.

Interments during the month of January: Abundant; 1; cancer; 2; pneumonia; 3; consumption of brain; 2; bronchitis; 1; burn; 1; consumption; 13; convulsions; 1; bilious colic; 1; dentition; 1; dropsy; 2; enteritis; 1; fracture of cranium; 1; typhoid fever; 3; gastritis; 1; disease of heart; 2; hepatic colic; 1; hydrothorax; 1; interperne; 1; jaundice; 1; marasmus; 1; meningitis; 1; old age; 1; paralysis; 1; premature birth; 1; pneumonia; 12; puerperal convulsions; 2; syphilis; 1; tubercular ascites; 1; fatum; 1; unknown; 4.

White males.....31 Under 1 year 15  
Do females.....18 1 to 5 do 7  
Colored males.....8 5 to 10 do 1  
Do females.....10 10 to 15 do 5  
Do.....15 15 to 20 do 5  
Do.....20 20 to 30 do 7  
Do.....30 30 to 40 do 7  
Do.....40 40 to 50 do 5  
Do.....50 50 to 60 do 8  
Do.....60 60 to 80 do 2  
Over 80 2

Total.....62  
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## Foreign Intelligence.

### ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER ASIA.

#### One Week Later from Europe.

As predicted by the late arrival, the steamer Asia, which has been in the Pacific for a long time, is now in the harbor of New York, and up to the latest moment prior to the sailing of the steamer, no new cabinet had been constructed. Lord Derby had been sent for and intended to form a new ministry, but he was unsuccessful.

Lords Palmerston, Russell and Lansdowne are all spoken of in connection with the formation of the new cabinet. The greatest anxiety prevailed in consequence of the death of the Duke of Devonshire.

From the Crimea the accounts represent that no fighting of importance had taken place, but supplies were arriving and the condition of the troops improving.

A slight triumph has been gained by the diplomacy of Prussia over Austria, the former's proposition to prevent the mobilization of the Germanic army having been carried against the efforts of Austria in the Diet.

England has made a loan of £1,000,000 to Russia. The Russian army is to be placed on the war footing.

Russia refuses to permit the French army to march through her territory.

The French force to guard the Austrian frontier is composed of 20,000 men.

The Greek difficulty has been arranged.

Reports from Spain represent Mr. Soule, the American minister, as being seriously ill.

ENGLAND.  
This has been a week of intense anxiety for England. On the evening of Tuesday the 20th of January, Mr. Russell's motion expressing a want of confidence in the ministry was resumed in the House of Commons. The resolution proposed that a select committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of the ministry, and into the conduct of the departments of government whose duty it has been to administer to the wants of the army.

The resignation of Lord Aberdeen addressed the House, when the House divided, and there appeared 305 for the motion, and 145 against it. The majority against the government 157, whereupon the ministry at once resigned.

The resignations of the ministers were accepted, and Lord Aberdeen and the cabinet only hold office until the new ministry is formed.

The same evening of the action in the House of Commons, when a lengthy conference took place, the general rumor was that Lord Palmerston would not assent to the terms proposed, and consequently the former would not be able to form a sufficiently strong cabinet. Various rumors followed, pointing to Lord Palmerston, Lord Russell, and lastly to Lord Lansdowne, as those who would probably be placed at the head of the ministry.

On Tuesday the 21st of January, the House of Commons adjourned. On Wednesday, Lord Aberdeen briefly announced his resignation. The Duke of Newcastle also entered into an explanation of his position.

On Thursday the 22nd of January, the House of Commons adjourned. On Friday the 23rd of January, the House of Commons adjourned.

On Saturday the 24th of January, the House of Commons adjourned. On Sunday the 25th of January, the House of Commons adjourned.

On Monday the 26th of January, the House of Commons adjourned. On Tuesday the 27th of January, the House of Commons adjourned.

On Wednesday the 28th of January, the House of Commons adjourned. On Thursday the 29th of January, the House of Commons adjourned.

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On Sunday the 1st of February, the House of Commons adjourned. On Monday the 2nd of February, the House of Commons adjourned.

On Tuesday the 3rd of February, the House of Commons adjourned. On Wednesday the 4th of February, the House of Commons adjourned.

On Thursday the 5th of February, the House of Commons adjourned. On Friday the 6th of February, the House of Commons adjourned.

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On Friday the 13th of February, the House of Commons adjourned. On Saturday the 14th of February, the House of Commons adjourned.

On Sunday the 15th of February, the House of Commons adjourned. On Monday the 16th of February, the House of Commons adjourned.

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## Telegraphic.

### Destructive Fire on New York.

New York, Feb. 15.—A fire occurred at 75 Pearl street, in a house occupied by Wm. H. Newman & Co., which proved quite destructive. Upwards of 4,000 barrels of flour were consumed, besides a quantity of other goods. The building was totally destroyed, including a loss of over \$50,000, on which there was an insurance to the extent of \$42,000. The buildings adjoining and in the rear, were also badly damaged, which will add somewhat to the entire loss. Fire supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Western Navigation.  
CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—The river is now open at this point, and the winter is rising, owing to the heavy rains of the past two days. Business is dull. Eastern exchange 2 premium.

Important from Havana.—Supposed Attempt to Murder Governor General Concha.—Arrest of Concha's Secretary and two Americans.

New Orleans, February 14.—The steamer Empire City arrived here to-day from Havana with news that the late Governor General Concha had been murdered. It was rumored that an attempt had been made to take the life of Concha. At night the Palace was illuminated for a public reception, but at eight o'clock the gas was suddenly turned off, when it is supposed the conspiracy was discovered. Eighty arrests were made, including Concha's secretary and two Americans.

Further from Mexico.  
New Orleans, Feb. 12.—The recent intelligence received here from Mexico, says that the government troops had been defeated, and Santa Anna had offered to let Vego have temporary charge of the government, which he declined. The government papers report that 2,000 insurgents had been put to flight in Yucatan.

Shocks of an earthquake was felt at Vera Cruz and the City of Mexico on the 1st instant. At the latter place much damage was done to the public buildings.

The French steamer Theodor had arrived at Vera Cruz, to take home Count Boulton's followers.

New York Market.  
New York, Feb. 15.—Cotton.—The market is dull. Flour.—The market is dull, with a declining tendency. 2,750 barrels good Ohio, \$3 75/80; 12 Southern is lower—sales of 1,400 barrels, at \$3 51/80 25.

Wheat.—The market is firm—white Michigan, \$2 35/80 40. Corn.—Price nominal, at \$1. Pork and Beef are unchanged, with a limited business at former rates.

Lard.—The market is firm. Whisky.—Ohio is heavy at 31 cents.

From the Danube.  
Omar Pacha has sent in his resignation because of the recent crossing of the Danube, and the Russian army is again concentrating at Nem. Sadka Pacha had proceeded with all available troops to that place.

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The St. Petersburg Journal gives an official account of the recent crossing of the Danube, and describes it as a reconnaissance in force. Letters, however, say that it was really an advance of the whole Russian army, which was stopped by a Russian army of 100,000 men.

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